CITY OF SACRAMENTO CAMPAIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT AND SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2.13 "CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS"

City of Sacramento Ethics Commission Audit Process and Contract Overview August 26, 2019

- Agreement between City of Sacramento and FPPC
- Result of special legislation
- Entered in 2018, current agreement expires December 31, 2019



- Prevent public harm
- Keep voters informed
- Level playing field
- Ensure that campaign contribution limitations are monitored and enforced to compel compliance
- Educate candidates and public officials

• Education and outreach

- Contact the FPPC with questions about requirements under the Political Reform Act or local ordinance
- Training
- Web page with Sacramento-specific information
- Auditing
 - Every City of Sacramento candidate/controlled committee who meets the contract criteria
- Enforcement

Who will be audited:

- Every candidate and his or her controlled committee for elective Sacramento City office
- Threshold: \$2,000 or more contributions received or \$2,000 or more expenditures made by
 - the candidate,
 - committee(s) controlled by the candidate, or
 - committee(s) primarily supporting his or her candidacy

Audit: Initial steps

- Contact letter informing candidate of audit
- Audit questionnaire
 - Name of treasurer(s)
 - Campaign bank account info
 - Questions re: contributions & types of expenditures
 - Contact info for persons to request records, and to discuss audit findings

- **CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**
 - Copies of all contributor checks and deposit slips
 - Records of all contributions received
 - Date received, contributor name, amount, occupation, employer, and for contributions received online include the transaction reports from the online processing service
- NONMONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS
 - Letters from contributors showing the date contributed, the items donated, and the fair market value

- LOANS RECEIVED
 - Loan agreements, promissory notes
 - Copies of loan checks received
 - Records of bank transfers
 - Records for payments made, such as copies of payment checks or bank transfers
 - Records maintained of outstanding balances

- **EXPENDITURES**
- Canceled checks or image of cancelled checks received from banks
- Invoices and receipts, including records to support subvendors
- Credit card statements and charge slips
- Contracts and agreements
- Original samples of each mass mailing sent
- Disbursement journal
- Canceled checks written on personal, business or other bank accounts to pay for campaign expenditures
- Journal or other record of personal funds used to pay campaign expenditures
- Correspondence sent, including invitations and solicitations
- Any other records to support the expenditures made

- CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT AND FILINGS
 - Copies of bank statements for each account
 - Copy of check register

Audit periods will be determined by the FPPC

- Ensure comprehensive audit findings
- May include beginning audit periods beyond the date of the contract

FPPC required to provide quarterly billing statements for work performed under the contract

Enforcement

- Attorney review of all audit findings
- Consistency in case resolutions and penalties
- Closure letter: No Action, Advisory, or Warning
- Stipulation: Streamline or Mainline
- Approved by the Commission and public documents

THE CONTRACT

- Terms of agreement: March 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019
- The Commission has approved a new template contract (August 15, 2019) for all future contracts with outside agencies
- Template includes various options
- Streamline approval process

THANK YOU